



## Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

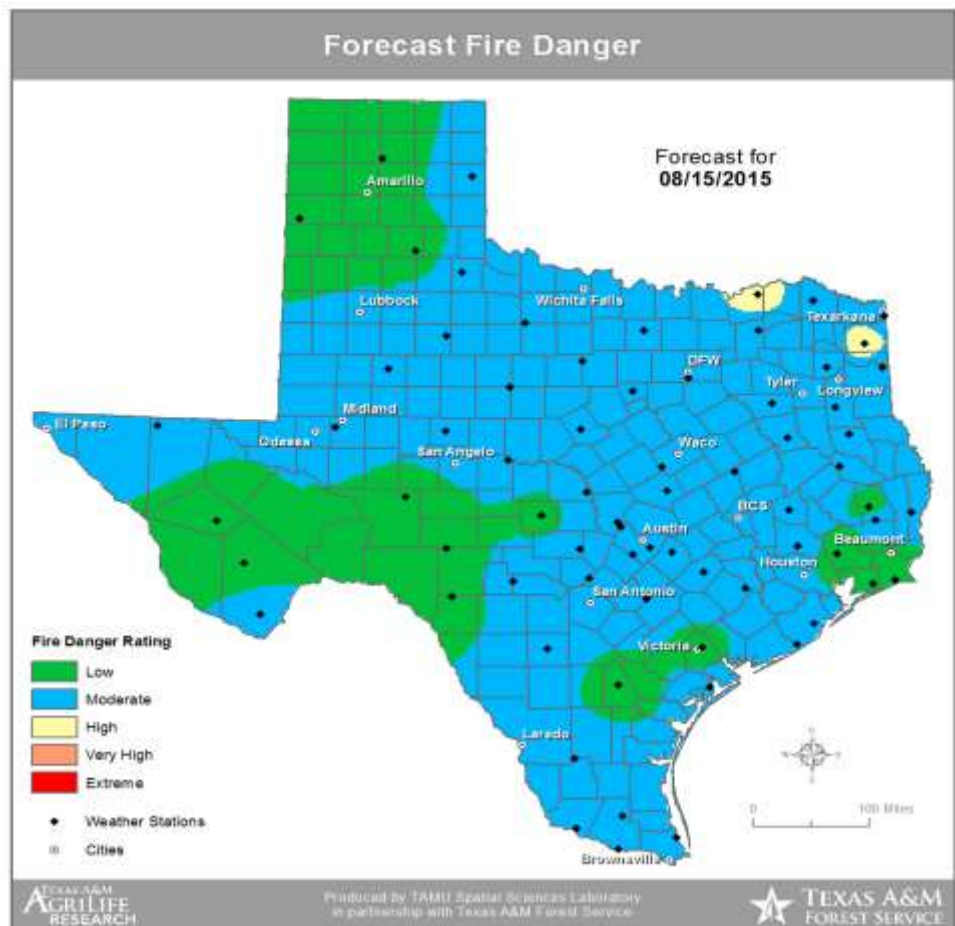
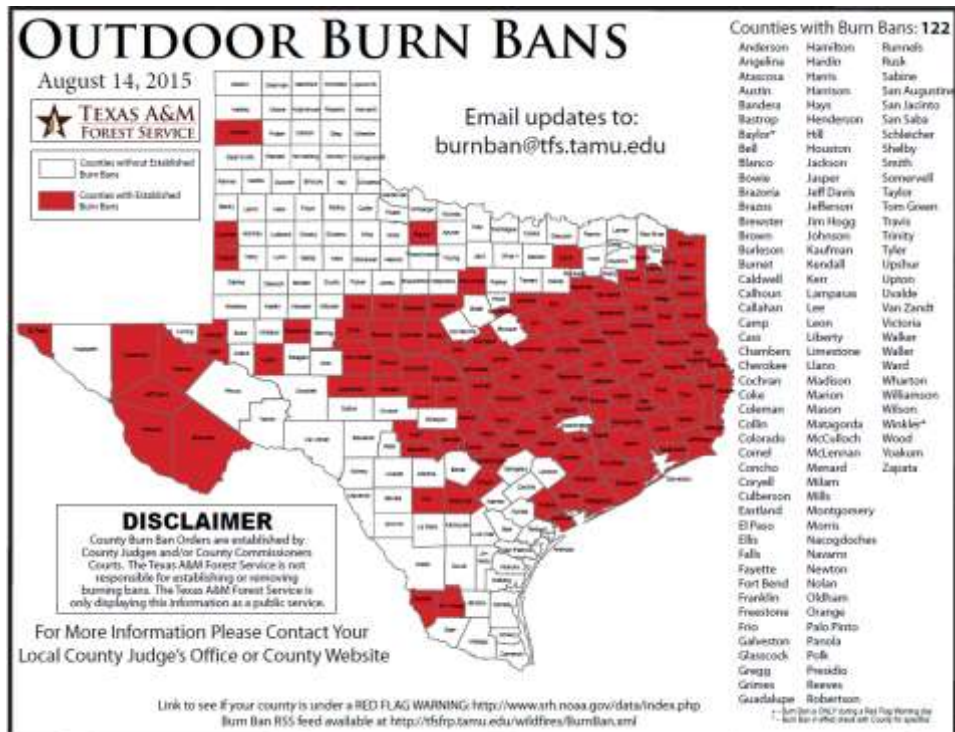
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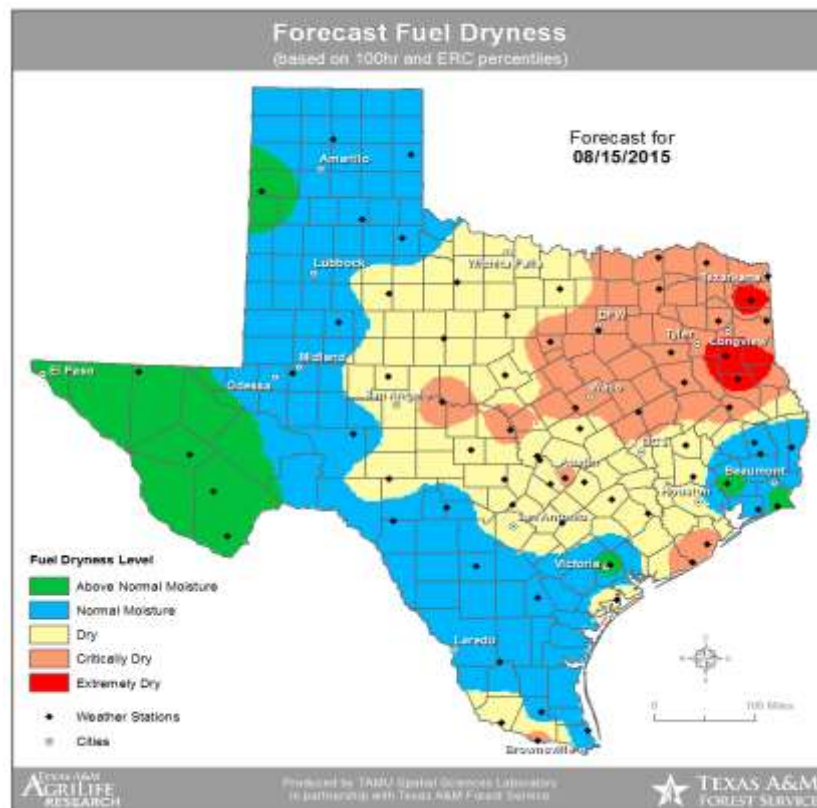
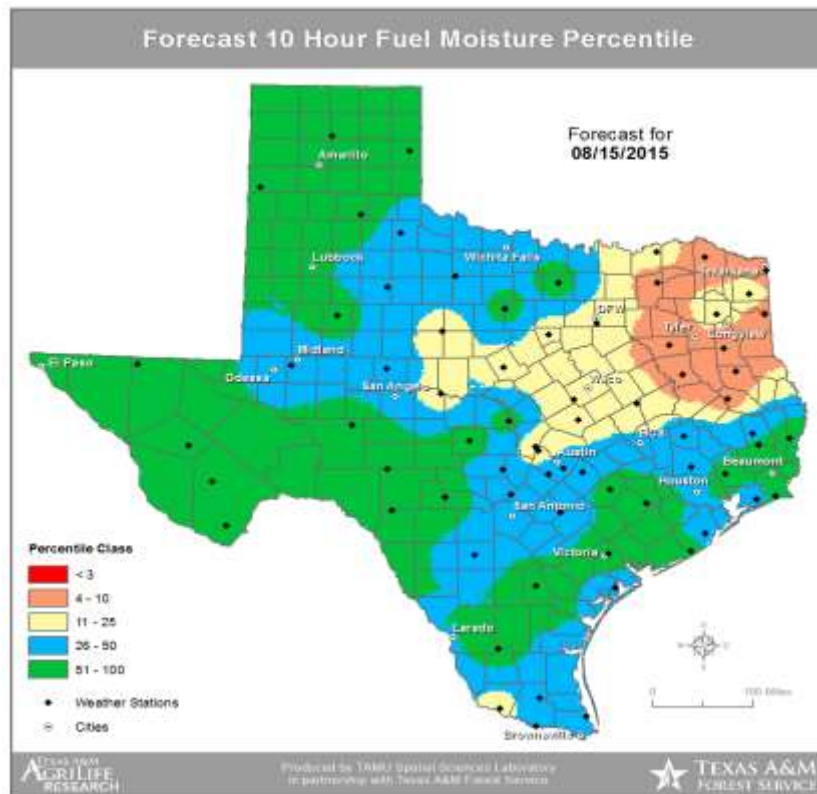
<b>Event Name</b>	August 2015 Wild Fire Event SITREP
<b>Date</b>	08/15/2015
<b>Time</b>	0700
<b>Operational Period</b>	0700 081415 thru 0700 081515
<b>Report Number</b>	4

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1, 3 and 4
<b>DDCs Active</b>	None

### STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

Rainfall continues over portions of the state with significant changes possible next week. A dominant mid and upper level ridge is currently centered over New Mexico allowing storms to affect the Texas Panhandle and the western portions of North Texas. A shortwave disturbance is currently affecting the Panhandle and is forecast to move slowly and steadily south along the east side of the ridge. Weak convective activity is anticipated for the western third of North Texas. Through the weekend, an easterly wave of low pressure is forecasted to get close enough to Texas to produce widely scattered showers and thunderstorms along and near the Gulf Coast.





## **Operational Priorities:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

### **Region 1** (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6 and 22)

#### **DDC 22 Sherman:** (Includes Cooke, Grayson and Fannin Counties)

##### **Grayson County:**

Plainview Road Wildfire consumed 134 acres and is 100% contained. The wildfire was located in an area west of State Highway (SH) 289 and south of Plainview Road. The fire destroyed two outbuildings. The Sherman Fire Department (FD), North Texas Regional Airport FD, Whitesboro FD, Locust Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), Sadler VFD, Southmayd VFD, Pottsboro VFD, Grayson County Fire Marshal's Office and Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) responded.

#### **DDC 5 Mt. Pleasant:** (Includes Lamar, Red River, Bowie, Delta, Hopkins, Franklin, Titus, Morris and Cass Counties)

##### **Cass County:**

A wildfire two miles south of Linden on SH 155 consumed 24 acres and is 100% contained. The fire destroyed 1 home. Seven homes were saved. Linden VFD, Center Hill VFD, Red Hill VFD, Cass County Sheriff's Office (SO), Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Texas Highway Patrol (THP) and TFS responded.

### **Region 3** (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21 and 24)

#### **DDC 24 Del Rio:** (Includes Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kinney, Uvalde, Maverick, Zavala, Dimmit and La Salle Counties)

##### **Edwards County:**

Brown Ranch Complex Fire: The fire has burned approximately 16,521 acres and is 60% contained. Two homes were lost and twenty homes were saved. Crews have continued to make progress on the Brown Ranch Fire. With weather cooperating and some rainfall, fire activity remains low to moderate, with no additional fire growth yesterday. Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) District Coordinator – Del Rio continues to respond and assist. TFS is assisting local fire departments. The Incident Command Post (ICP) is located at the Edwards County Show Barn, 905 United States (US) Highway 377. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council (MRGDC) Command Trailer has been set up. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is providing fuel to TFS and Edwards County vehicles. American Red Cross (ARC) Kerrville is providing canteen services for responders on scene. Two State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs) requesting two TIFMAS Type 6 Strike Teams with Leaders and, one TIFMAS helicopter (STARFlight) have been approved and resources are being deployed to support fire suppression activities. The county issued a Local Disaster Declaration. A shelter has been opened at the First Baptist Church, 500 Uvalde Road in



Rocksprings. Two Texas Military Forces (TxMF) UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters were approved to support fire suppression operations for the fire from 8/15/15 through 08/17/15.



### **Val Verde County:**

West Fire: The approximately 2000-acre West Fire is 24 miles northeast of Comstock. There is one structure at risk. Val Verde Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) responded. A Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) Regional Fire Coordinator (RFC) is en route to the scene.

### **Region 4** (Includes DDCs 8, 9 and 10)

**DDC 10 San Angelo:** (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties)

### **Tom Green County:**

Head of the River Fire: The fire which is located 10 miles southeast of the Christoval on Farm to Market (FM) Road 2084 has consumed approximately 200 acres. Christoval VFD, Wall VFD, East Concho VFD, Tom Green County Percent #4, Tom Green County SO, Tom Green County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and DPS Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) District Coordinator (DC) San Angelo responded.

### **Crockett County:**

Sutton Ranch Fire: The fire which started on 08/12/15 was reportedly caused by a lighting strike. Ozona VFD battled the fire throughout the afternoon and into the night until a thunderstorm dropped a significant amount of rain over most of the fire with lighter precipitation on the west end. Ozona VFD estimated the fire at 1500 acres originally, however, mapping provided by a United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) helicopter showed the fire at 693 acres. The fire is burning in dead grass and drought killed juniper on flat mesa's dropping down into the steep inaccessible canyons. The only concern with the fire at this time is a few hot spots in a steep canyon that we are unable to access. Currently, TFS is monitoring this area and cold trailing the perimeter along the northern and eastern edges. Crockett County continues to receive afternoon thunderstorms with light precipitation and dry lighting.



**RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS**  
**REPORTS**

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS Highway Patrol is assisting Edwards County with traffic control.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS has a total of 58 dozers, 10 engines and 3 motor graders available statewide. TFS is responding to numerous fires, including the Brown Ranch Complex Fire (Edwards County) and the Sutton Ranch Fire (Crockett County), and assisting local fire departments.

Fire Name	County	TFS Assets	Other Agency Assets
Brown Ranch Complex	Edwards	7 dozers, 5 engines, 71 personnel	1 Type 3 IMT (Alamo IMT); 1 TPWD engine; 2 TIFMAS Strike Teams (5 engines in Austin area & 5 engines in San Antonio area); 1 Travis County STARflight Type 3 Helo (out of service); 2 TxMF Blackhawks
Fire Name	County	TFS Assets	Other Agency Assets
Sutton Ranch	Sutton	1 dozer, 1 engine, 9 personnel	NA

**Aviation Assets:** 2 SEATs; 1 Type 3 Helicopter; 1 Air Attack

**Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS):** Two Type 6 Strike Teams with Leaders, and one helicopter are supporting wildfire operations on the Brown Ranch Complex Fire in Edwards County. A STAR was received and approved requesting one TIFMAS Engine Strike Team (Type 6) with Leader to be staged in Ozona for assignment to combat wildfires in Crockett and Val Verde Counties.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT is providing fuel for TFS and Edwards County vehicles and monitoring roadways in fire impacted areas.

**Texas Military Forces (TxMF):** A STAR request for two Blackhawk helicopters with fire suppression buckets has been approved to support the Brown Ranch Fire in Edwards County.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** ARC is engaged in feeding and canteen operations in support of first responders in Edwards County. They are working with the incident command, local fire

department auxiliary, and the Southern Baptist Convention to develop a feeding plan moving forward.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level IV (Normal Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem).*

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